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In the care of the Augustinians



Dear Sponsor,

Congratulations!

A child has asked you to be a sponsor for Confirmation and you have accepted.

At the Catholic Community of North Harbour, our hopes are that each Confirmation Candidate develops some awareness of personally accepting the decision made at Baptism to follow our Lord Jesus in the Catholic tradition.

Many years ago the Sponsor and Candidate shared a strong bond of faith as the newcomer sought to grow in Christian life and the Sponsor walked the path of growth and faith deepening as a fellow pilgrim in the faith journey.

In order to help develop some sense of faith sharing in this process, we would like you to take the time to give the child you are Sponsoring the gift of your personal perspective by writing a brief letter. We suggest you give this letter to the child at the conclusion of the Confirmation Ceremony.

In writing to this special child who has chosen you as their sponsor, you may wish to touch on the following points:-

- I. Fond memories of this child while growing up
- II. Special qualities you see in him/her
- III. Prayers or religious songs that have a meaning to you
- IV. People who have influenced your life
- V. Ways that being a Christian has helped you
- VI. Memories of your own preparation for Confirmation
- VII. What helps you to keep believing in God
- VIII. A promise to pray for this Child
- IX. Some of your hopes or dreams for him/her



We hope that you like this idea and that, even if you find it challenging, you will realise that this can be something very special for the child who has chosen you as their Sponsor.

During the Ceremony. Sponsors, when you move forward to the Bishop with your candidate stand slightly behind and to the left of your candidate and place your right hand on his/her right shoulder from the moment the child stands or kneels before the Bishop, until the Bishop has completed his prayer over the child.

Catholic Community of North Harbour Parish Team